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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: U. NOTH et al. Group No.: 1636
Application No.: 10/082,636 Examiner: S. KAUSHAL
Filed: February 25, 2002
For: IN VITRO ENGINEERED CARTILAGE CONSTRUCTS PRODUCED
BY COATING BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER WITH HUMAN
MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2004, applicants submit the following Amendment. Applicants believe no fees are due at this time. However, should any other fees or reimbursement be required with this submission, the Commissioner is herewith authorized to charge Nixon Peabody deposit account No. 50-0850.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Amended title is shown on the Supplemental Application Data Sheet. Please replace the previously submitted data sheet with the one filed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 5. Attachments A and B referred to in the remarks are submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by deleting lines 5-8 and replacing it with the following paragraph before the section entitled "Government Rights in the Invention":

"Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. of provisional application Serial No. 60/270,974, filed on February 23, 2001."